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SUPERVISOR FUNDS LOCAL SERVICE PROGRAMS, PARK PROJECT

SAN BERNARDINO – A project to expand Bloomington's skate park as well as programs to assist seniors, homeless women and children, and at-risk youth are among the recipients for funding to help serve the county's 5th District residents.

San Bernardino County Supervisor Josie Gonzales today allocated \$491,750 to 14 non-profit organizations and county departments that are meeting the basic needs of seniors, adults, and children. *(A complete list of funded projects and programs is attached.)*

Allocation of the annual Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant dollars also will offer gang intervention and youth recreational swim programs, shelter for the homeless, and free legal and emergency assistance for low and moderate-income residents.

"These programs offer a variety of special services to our residents," said Supervisor Gonzales. "Many of them help seniors who strive to live independent lives, offer support to students and parents who want to pursue their education, and assist women and children who need special services or just a safe place to stay."

Funds allocated today also include \$300,000 to expand the Kessler Skate Park in the unincorporated area of Bloomington, which opened in August 2007.

"The park is an outstanding success. With skateboarders of all ages turning out in surprising numbers, the skate park's high use makes an expansion of the existing project a pleasure to fund," said Supervisor Gonzales.

Previously approved county funding for Kessler Park renovations covered a new playground, a new picnic and barbecue area, walkways, and re-stripping and color surfacing the basketball courts, all of which residents now enjoy.

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“I am proud to say that with this \$300,000 funding, I have invested a total of \$2,300,000 of the people’s money into the expansion of and improvements to Kessler Park in Bloomington,” said Supervisor Gonzales.

The 5th District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy and Arrowhead Farms, the city of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and a segment of the city of Fontana.

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5TH DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AWARDS – FY 2008/09	
PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS	
PROJECT/PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	FUNDS ALLOCATED
Time for Change Foundation, which provides transitional housing and social and health service referrals for homeless women and children	\$ 10,000.00
Gang Reduction Intervention Team’s continued intervention for high risk youth	\$ 5,000.00
Legal Aid Services for low and moderate income residents	\$ 35,000.00
Oldtimers Foundation & Department of Aging and Adult Services’ nutrition program for seniors in the Bloomington area	\$ 40,000.00
Steelworkers Oldtimers Foundation of Fontana provides home repair services for seniors	\$ 25,000.00
The Unforgettables Foundation to continue its childhood CPR and car seat safety program and to expand its emergency assistance to low income families to offset child burial expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Bloomington Park and Recreation to continue its youth swim program	\$ 17,750.00
Miracles in Recovery Inc.’s comprehensive substance abuse treatment services for pregnant women	\$ 5,000.00
House of Ruth, to continue providing domestic violence shelter services to women and children	\$ 5,000.00
Highland District Council on Aging to continue providing transportation assistance to seniors	\$ 5,000.00
Civic Circle Child Care to provide child care services for low and moderate income parents working on attending school	\$ 12,000.00
Department of Adult and Aging Services/Family Service Association to deliver meals to homes of senior residents	\$ 12,000.00
San Bernardino Valley College for expansion of its community and student referral and assistance services	\$ 15,000.00
CONSTRUCTION/REVITALIZATION PROJECT	
Expansion of the Kessler Skateboard Park in Bloomington	\$300,000.00